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HOUSE BILL 1378
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30, relative to age of required school attendance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3001(a) and (b), is amended by deleting the word and figure "six (6)" wherever they appear and substituting the word and figure "five (5)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3001(c)(1), is amended by deleting the word and figure "seven (7)" and substituting the word and figure "six (6)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3005(a), is amended by deleting the word and figure "seven (7)" and substituting the word and figure "six (6)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3007(g), is amended by deleting the word and figure "seven (7)" and substituting the word and figure "six (6)".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3001(c)(2), is amended by redesignating subdivision (c)(2)(C) to be (c)(2)(D), and by adding a new subdivision (c)(2)(C), as follows:

(c) Is age six (6) or younger and whose parent or guardian has filed a notice of intent to conduct a home school with the superintendent of local education agency or with the superintendent of a church-related school;

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SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3005(a), is amended by adding the following before the colon:

involving children who are enrolled in a public school and, as to children enrolled in a non-public school, as defined by Section 49-6-3001(c)(3)(A), the superintendent of the school to be the sole judge in all such cases

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3005(a), is further amended by deleting the word “and” at the end of subdivision (3), by redesignating subdivision (4) to be subdivision (5) and by adding a new subdivision (4), as follows:

Children ages six (6) or under whose parent or guardian have filed a notice of intent to conduct a home school as provided by Section 49-6-3001 or who are conducting a home school as provided by Section 49-6-3050; and

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3007(g), is amended by adding the following to the beginning of the subpart:

Except as otherwise provided by Section 49-6-3001 or Section 49-6-3005,

SECTION 9. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.